

## Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

### ***Election/Restriction***

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application and are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner identifies two groups of inventions as detailed below.

- A) Group I, claims 1-38 and 41, drawn to channels, classified in claims 370, subclass 376.
- B) Group II, claims 39 and 40, drawn to shippers, classified in claims 73, subclass 864.31.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-38 and 41.

### ***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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